



BRIDGES ELIGIBILITY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

Initials	Eligibility Criteria	Examples of Qualifying Activities	Current Documentation (Below are examples: other documentation may be considered on a case by case basis).
_____	Attending a Secondary Education Institution and remain in good standing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enrollment in school to receive high school diploma (i.e. traditional, non-traditional, alternative – must be accredited) Participating GED program Other institution/program by the Department of Education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enrollment letter from school administration or guidance counselor Grade Report Card Class schedule Attendance report
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is an expectation that young adults who qualify for Bridges by attending a secondary institution will attend school or engage in related activities totaling at least 20 hours a week. Schools must be recognized by the State Board of Education 			
_____	Enrolled in at least 9 credit hours at a Post-Secondary Institution (Education)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public or Private 4-year college or universities (in-state or out-of-state) Community College (in-state or out-of-state) On-line studies offered through a licensed institution Vocational Program Technical Schools Graduate School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transcript Acceptance Letter with effective date Financial Aid Award Letter Letter from college/university Admissions Office Class Schedule
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is an expectation that young adults who qualify for Bridges under post-secondary enrollment will engage in at least 20 hours a week in educational activities (i.e. class time, out of class assignments, and activities.) For every 1 credit hour enrolled in a post-secondary course there is a presumption of 2 additional hours per week for out of class assignments. This time is considered when determining eligibility. For a noncredit course of study such as certification programs 20 hours a week will be the expectation • Schools must be accredited 			
_____	Employed for at least 80 hours per month.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular Employment AmeriCorps Military Reserve/ National Guard Internship/Externship (Paid/ Unpaid) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paystub Employer written verification including start date and number of hours worked in a month.

¹ If a Young Adult qualifies for the program because they have a mental or physical condition documented by a qualified practitioner additional criterion are not required.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggested Average 20 hours per week, but hours may fluctuate. 			
	<p>Participating in Program to Remove Barriers to Employment at least 80 hours a month.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work force preparation classes (CCMEP) • Remedial Education Classes (College) • Vocational/Technical/Educational Program • Job Corps • Job Shadowing/ Skills Training classes • Mentoring • Volunteering • Apprenticeship • Resume/Interview skills classes/training • Substance abuse treatment • Mental health treatment • Domestic violence/date violence program • Parenting classes • Financial Management classes • Driver's education classes • ESL Classes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written verification letter from program/activity that includes description of program/activity and its duration (e.g. six-week program) with start dates and number of hours per month
	<p>Unable to participate in the activities detailed above due to a mental or physical health condition documented by a qualified practitioner.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young Adult's condition may be short or long term. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bridges Disability form must be completed by a qualified practitioner who is treating the applicant for a physical or mental health condition that prevents the applicant from participating in education or employment. This form must be executed within 90 days of submission to be sufficient proof of eligibility OR; • A copy of the applicant's Social Security award letter effective within 180 days prior to the Bridges application and documentation including the underlying diagnosis and basis for receiving Social Security.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An assigned caseworker/liaison does not meet criteria as qualified practitioner • Amount of benefits should be recorded in SACWIS. 			